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THE PASSING OF RABBI BARUCH¹

- Joel 1,14; 2,15. Why do the people call a solemn assembly?
 Let them alone, for bitter
 II Kings 4,27. Is the soul of all the people.
- The Law is perished from Sinai,
 And they thirst for the word of the Lord,
 Ex. 17,1. But there is no water to give drink to the
 people.
- Ex. 9,3. Lo, the hand of the Lord hath been
 Against the great mountain that was
 I Sam. 9,2. High over all the people.
- The sun and the moon have gone down,
 And heavy cloud is upon the mountain,
 Ex. 19,16. And trembling seizeth all the people.
- The destroying angel hath set his face,
 Ezek. 10,2. Hath filled his arms with coals of fire,
 Ex. 24,8. And hath sprinkled them on the people.
- I moan and cry in my burning fire,
 I say unto Fate in the bitterness of my soul:
 Ex. 5,22. Why hast thou dealt ill with this people?
- Job 16,7. Lo, all mine assembly thou madest desolate
 The day thou didst raise to the skies
 Ps. 89,20. One chosen of the people.

¹ According to Harkavy, Rabbi Baruch ben Isaac ben Baruch Albalia. See *Jewish Encyclopedia* I, p. 321.

Jud. 20,2. Cease, for thou workest sore destruction
When thou takest a sword to slay
The chiefs of all the people.

Num. 21,4. The cloud hath departed from them,
And the manna hath not come down for them,
And crushed is the soul of the people.

Jud. 5,9. Inheriting and bequeathing the law of the
Judges
From the seed of the Princes
Who gave themselves willingly among the
people,

Isa. 8,11. His words shone like the light,
And his ways were exceeding high
So that he could not walk in the way of
the people.

II Kings 12,13. Standing to repair the breach,
Prov. 20,8. And sitting on a throne of righteousness
Ex. 18,13. To judge the people—

Ex. 19,23. Life was the fruit of his law;
Therefore to bear his departure
Is too hard for the people.

Ps. 3,7. While yet the Chief, Baruch,
Was prepared to battle for me,
I feared not from tens of thousands of
people.

Isa. 57,15. Meek, lowly of spirit and humble,
The wisdom of his gentle tongue
Ps. 18,44. Would deliver me from the strivings of
the people.

Levit. 9,15. In the day of battle he would strive for me,
And on the day of prayer he would bring nigh
The offering of the people.

Jer. 8,17. The balm and the charm have perished,
Num. 21,6. And many are the poisonous serpents
Which bite the people.

Isa. 40,7. His land was like a garden of God,
And now that his lofty branches have fallen,
Surely but grass is the people.

Job 33,14. A fount of wisdom ever growing stronger;
Ex. 4,31. And trusty—for once he had spoken
He was believed of the people.

Jer. 36,13. How sweet were the beauteous words
When Baruch read in the Book
In the ears of the people!

Ps. 80,2. Guiding with faithfulness, and shepherding,
Ex. 8,25. Seeking those cast out and astray,
So as not to send away the people;

Neh. 8, 7. A fountain of justice, and its lord,
Interpreter of truth, and its tongue,
Making it clear to the people;

Levit. 16,24. A good interpreter, telling of uprightness,
He, by his righteousness, made atonement
For himself and for his people.

Deut. 20,9. In peace he shall place in his stead
And appoint after him his two sons,
Captains of hosts at the head of the people:

A precious son whom God shall instruct,
And a child of delight, his second one—

Gen. 48,19.

He also shall become a people.

Ezek. 37,16.

And all the house of Israel shall be their
companions;

In their days shall the mountains bear

Ps. 72,3.

Peace for the people.